

# National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu to Visit Wilmington, Delaware on November 1, 2016



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*Washington, DC* – On November 1, 2016, Jane Chu, chairman of the [National Endowment for the Arts \(NEA\)](http://www.arts.gov), will join Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) in engaging the Delaware arts community. Chairman Chu will tour The Delaware Contemporary and join Senator Coons in a public [Town Hall meeting](#) at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington. Chairman Chu will also tour the Biggs Museum of American Art and participate in a [public meet and greet](#) in Dover.

Chairman Chu will tour The Delaware Contemporary, an art museum and dynamic gathering place where art, design, and technology intersect to inspire creativity. She will have the

opportunity to learn more about the many programs the museum offers, including its NEA-supported artist-in-residence program.

Then, the Delaware Division of the Arts hosts a Town Hall meeting at The Grand Opera House in Wilmington. Chairman Chu, Senator Coons, and Governor Jack Markell (D-DE) will give remarks. Chairman Chu will speak about the NEA's 50th anniversary and take questions from the audience, giving her an opportunity to learn more about how the arts play an important role in Delaware's arts community. Media who wish to attend this event should contact Leeann Wallett with the Delaware Division of the Arts at [leeann.wallett@delaware.gov](mailto:leeann.wallett@delaware.gov). After the Town Hall meeting, Chairman Chu is available for short one-on-one media interviews. Media should send their request in advance to Judith Kargbo, [kargboj@arts.gov](mailto:kargboj@arts.gov).

Later that afternoon, Chairman Chu will visit the Biggs Museum of American Art in Dover, an art museum dedicated to promoting an understanding and appreciation of the fine and decorative arts of Delaware, the Mid-Atlantic Region and the nation from 1700 to the present. Following a tour of the museum, Chairman Chu will participate in a public meet and greet with the Dover arts community. Prior to the meet and greet, Chairman Chu is available for short one-on-one media interviews. Media should send their request in advance to Judith Kargbo, [kargboj@arts.gov](mailto:kargboj@arts.gov).

As part of the National Endowment for the Arts' [50th anniversary](#) celebration, the NEA created a story bank of multimedia content to showcase the impact of the arts. To date, hundreds of people from across the country, including Delaware, have submitted [stories](#) about how the arts and the National Endowment for the Arts have impacted their lives. In addition to a [video](#) about the arts and culture of Delaware, this section also includes a video from [Senator Chris Coons](#), filmed at The Delaware Contemporary.

Media should contact Judith Kargbo at [kargboj@arts.gov](mailto:kargboj@arts.gov) if they would like to attend any of the site visits or request an interview with Chairman Chu.

**Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

**9:00AM- 10:15AM The Delaware Contemporary Site Visit**

Location: 200 S Madison St, Wilmington, DE 19801

**Participants:**

Jane Chu, chairman, National Endowment for the Arts  
Paul Weagraff, director, Delaware Division of the Arts  
David Keller, interim executive director, The Delaware Contemporary Arts  
Kathrine Page, board chair, The Delaware Contemporary Arts  
Alma Sheppard-Matsuo, artist-in-residence, The Delaware Contemporary Arts

**1:00PM –2:00PM Town Hall Meeting**

Location: The Grand Opera House at the baby grand, 818 N Market St, Wilmington, DE 19801

**Participants:**

Jane Chu, chairman, National Endowment for the Arts  
Chris Coons, U.S. Senator, State of Delaware  
Jack Markell, Governor, State of Delaware  
Paul Weagraff, director, Delaware Division of the Arts  
Mark Fields, executive director, the Grand Opera House

**2:15PM –2:30PM Media Availability**

Location: the baby grand, 818 N Market St, Wilmington, DE 19801

**Participants:**

Jane Chu, chairman, National Endowment for the Arts  
Chris Coons, U.S. Senator, State of Delaware

**3:45PM- 4:10PM Biggs Museum Tour**

Location: 406 Federal St, Dover, DE 19901

Participants:

Jane Chu, chairman, National Endowment for the Arts  
Paul Weagraff, director, Delaware Division of the Arts  
Charles Guerin, executive director, Biggs Museum  
Ryan Grover, curator, Biggs Museum

**4:15PM- 4:30PM Media Availability**

Location: Biggs Museum, 406 Federal St, Dover, DE 19901

Participants:

Jane Chu, chairman, National Endowment for the Arts

**4:30PM- 5:45PM Public Meet and Greet**

Location: Biggs Museum, 406 Federal St, Dover, DE 19901

Participants:

Jane Chu, chairman, National Endowment for the Arts  
Paul Weagraff, director, Delaware Division of the Arts  
Charles Guerin, executive director, Biggs Museum  
Ryan Grover, curator, Biggs Museum

**About the National Endowment for the Arts**

Established by Congress in 1965, the NEA is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the NEA

supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America's rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Arts and the agency is celebrating this milestone with events and activities through September 2016.

### **About the Delaware Division of the Arts**

The [Delaware Division of the Arts](#), a branch of the Delaware Department of State, is dedicated to cultivating and supporting the arts to enhance the quality of life for all Delawareans. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, the Division administers grants and programs that support arts programming, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. For more information about the Delaware Division of the Arts, visit [artsdel.org](http://artsdel.org) or call 302-577-8278.